Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one server computer, said <u>at least one </u>server computer comprising a computer usable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein, said computer readable program code adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer </u>for:

receiving, from a user, a user input through a remote client computer<u>, said user input comprising an identification of a particular destination,</u> [[of]] a set of package specifications for a particular package that is to be delivered to [[a]]<u>the</u> particular destination and an indication of a shipping date;

in response to receiving the set of package specifications and the indication of the shipping date:

~~transforming the user input into~~<u>determining </u>a first shipping rate<u> according to the user input</u>, said first shipping rate being a rate that a first carrier would charge to deliver said package to said <u>particular </u>destination according to a first delivery service and according to the shipping date,

~~transforming the user input into~~<u>determining </u>a second shipping rate <u>according to the user input</u>, said second shipping rate being a rate that said first carrier would charge to deliver said package to said <u>particular </u>destination according to a second delivery service and according to the shipping date,

~~transforming the user input into~~<u>determining </u>a third shipping rate <u>according to the user input</u>, said third shipping rate being a rate that a second carrier would charge to deliver said package to said <u>particular </u>destination according to a third delivery service and according to the shipping date,

~~transforming the user input into~~ determining a fourth shipping rate according to the user input, said fourth shipping rate being a rate that said second carrier would charge to deliver said package to said particular destination according to a fourth delivery service and according to the shipping date, and

simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates to a display device operable with the remote client computer;

receiving a request from said user through the remote client computer to ship said package on the shipping date to said particular destination via a particular delivery service, said particular delivery service being selected from a group consisting of: (A) said first delivery service; (B) said second delivery service; (C) said third delivery service, and (D) said fourth delivery service; and

facilitating delivery of said package to said particular destination via said particular delivery service.

65.   (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said first delivery service and said third delivery service are both next day delivery services.

66.   (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said first delivery service and said third delivery service are both second day delivery services.

67.   (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said step of simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates to said user comprises:

generating a simultaneous display of said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates; and

transmitting said simultaneous display to the remote client computer for display on a display device operable with said remote client computer.

68.   (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system

of Claim 64, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer, in further response to receiving the user input,</u> for:

identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service; and

simultaneously displaying to the display device:

a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service; and

a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service.

69.   (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 68, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer, in further response to receiving the user input,</u> for:

identifying a first time on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second time on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service; and

displaying to the display device:

a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would

deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service; and

a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, before said second time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service.

70.   (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 69, wherein said first day and said second day are the same day.

71.   (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 69, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer, in further response to receiving the user input,</u> for:

simultaneously displaying to the display device: (1) said first, second, third and fourth shipping rates; and (2) said first, second, third, and fourth delivery schedule indicia.

72.   (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer, in further response to receiving the user input,</u> for:

identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said third delivery service;

said first delivery service is a next day delivery service;

said third delivery service is a next day delivery service; and

said first day and said second day are different days.

73.   (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer, in further response to receiving the user input,</u> for:

identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service; and

identifying a third day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said third delivery service;

identifying a fourth day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said fourth delivery service; and

simultaneously displaying to the display device:

a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service;

a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service;

a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said third delivery service;

a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would

deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said fourth delivery service.

74.   (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one server computer, said <u>at least one</u> server computer comprising a computer usable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein, said computer readable program code adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer</u> for:

transforming <u>in response to receiving</u> an input by a user through a particular remote client computer of a <u>particular destination, a</u> particular shipping date and package specifications for a particular package, into-<u>identifying</u> a first day <u>according to the input,</u> on which a first carrier would deliver the particular package to [[a]]<u>the</u> particular destination according to [[a]]<u>the</u> particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said <u>particular</u> destination via a first delivery service;

in further transforming <u>response to receiving</u> the input, into-<u>identifying</u> a second day <u>according to the input,</u> on which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via a second delivery service;

in further transforming <u>response to receiving</u> the input, into-<u>identifying</u> a third day <u>according to the input,</u> on which a second carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via a third delivery service;

in further transforming <u>response to receiving</u> the input, into-<u>identifying</u> a fourth day <u>according to the input,</u> on which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via a fourth delivery service; and

in further response to receiving the input, simultaneously displaying to a display device operable with the remote client computer:

(A) a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said first delivery service;

(B) a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said second delivery service;

(C) a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said third delivery service; and

(D) a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said fourth delivery service.

75. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 74, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed by said at least one server computer for:

receiving a request from said user to ship said particular package to said particular destination via a particular delivery service, said particular delivery service being selected from a group consisting of: (A) said first delivery service; (B) said second delivery service; (C) said third delivery service, and (D) said fourth delivery service; and

facilitating delivery of said particular package to said particular destination

via said particular delivery service.

76.   (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim [[75]]74, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer</u> for:

<u>in further response to receiving the input,</u> identifying a first time <u>according to the input,</u> on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service;

<u>in further response to receiving the input,</u> identifying a second time <u>according to the input,</u> on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service; and

<u>in further response to receiving the input,</u> displaying to the display device operable with the remote client computer:

a fifth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service; and

a sixth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination before said second time on said ~~first~~ <u>second</u> day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service.

77.   (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 76, wherein said first day and said second day are the same day.

78.   (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 76, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed <u>by</u>

<u>said at least one server computer</u> for:

    simultaneously displaying to the display device operable with the remote client computer, said first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth delivery schedule indicia.

79.   (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 75, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed <u>by said at least one server computer</u> for:

    <u>in further response to receiving the input,</u> identifying a first time <u>according to the input,</u> on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said first delivery service;

    <u>in further response to receiving the input,</u> identifying a second time <u>according to the input,</u> on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said second delivery service;

    <u>in further response to receiving the input,</u> identifying a third time <u>according to the input,</u> on said third day before which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said third delivery service;

    <u>in further response to receiving the input,</u> identifying a fourth time <u>according to the input,</u> on said fourth day before which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination via said fourth delivery service; and

    <u>in further response to receiving the input,</u> displaying to the display device operable with the remote client computer:

        a fifth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said <u>particular</u> destination before said first time

on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said first delivery service;

a sixth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination before said second time on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said second delivery service;

a seventh delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination before said third time on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said third delivery service; and

an eighth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination before said fourth time on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said fourth delivery service.